AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) An electric motor system for an air conditioning fan of a motor vehicle, comprising:

an electric motor:

a motor housing for the electric motor, wherein the motor housing includes a receiving opening into which the electric motor at least partially extends;

at least one electrical connection element for supplying power to the electric motor; and

an attachment unit for the at least one electrical connection element, wherein the at least one electrical connection element is attached to the electric motor;

wherein the motor housing includes an electrical connection element opening; wherein a portion of the electrical connection element is situated in the electrical connection element opening;

wherein the electrical connection element includes a plate-shaped collar that covers the electrical connection element opening <u>from outside of the motor housing</u>, <u>such that a vertical projection of the plate-shaped collar onto an outer surface of the motor housing completely encompasses the electrical connection element opening</u>; and

wherein the electrical connection element is not in physical contact with the motor housing.

13. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 12, wherein the at least one electrical connection element is attached to the electric motor, without the use of the attachment unit on the motor housing.

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- 14. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 13, wherein the at least one electrical connection element includes a plug and a plug receptacle, wherein the plug receptacle is formed on the electric motor.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 14, wherein the plug receptacle is formed in an area of a bearing bracket of the electric motor.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 12, wherein the at least one electrical connection element includes a plug and a plug receptacle for contacting the electric motor, and wherein the plug is configured to be attached to the electric motor.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 16, wherein the plug is configured to be latched to the electric motor for secure contacting.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 12, wherein the at least one electrical connection element includes a plug and a plug receptacle, wherein the plug is configured to be latched to the electric motor for secure contacting of the electric motor without using a separate latching system on the motor housing.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 17, wherein the plug includes at least one spring-elastic latching element for secure contacting.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the plug includes at least one spring-elastic latching element for secure contacting.

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- 21. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 19, wherein the at least one spring-elastic latching element includes at least two latching hooks.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 20, wherein the at least one spring-elastic latching element includes at least two latching hooks.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the plug is configured to be latched to a bearing bracket of a shaft of the electric motor.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The electric motor system as recited in Claim 19, wherein the plug is configured to be latched to a bearing bracket of a shaft of the electric motor.

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